

## QUESTIONNAIRE for 9th grade students` parents

The Institute for the Development of Education of the National Research University Higher School of Economics performs a research aimed at investigation of educational and labor opportunities of graduate students with the purpose of education quality improvement.

After graduating in 9th grade your child have to make a choice – whether to begin labour activity or whether to continue studying (at general or specialized school, training college, etc.). What are your expectations concerning their future? How do you estimate their prospects and opportunities? Your answers will help us to create more effective system of the job placement and to improve an educational process.

In this questionnaire, there are no right or wrong answers. Your answers should reflect what is correct for you.

Your questionnaires will not be shown to anybody else in school. All the answers will be accumulated and analyzed in an aggregated form, where no individual can be identified. All your answers will be kept confidential.

**If there are several children in your family, please complete questionnaire concerning the child, who is now studying in the 9th grade.**

### 1. What is your relation to the child?

1. Mother (including stepmother or foster mother) <sub>1</sub>
2. Father (including stepfather or foster father) <sub>2</sub>
98. Other (Please specify who exactly) \_\_\_\_\_ <sub>98</sub>

### 2. How many children are there in your family? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. What education do child`s parents have? Please choose one answer in each column, darkening the highest attained level of education

	<b>A. Mother (including stepmother or foster mother)</b>	<b>B. Father (including stepfather or foster father)</b>
1. Completed 9 grades (or less)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
2. Primary professional education (e.g., technical training college)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
3. High school (10-11 grades)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
4. Tertiary or vocational school (e.g., technical school)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
5. Incomplete higher education (completed no less than 3 years of college)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
6. Higher education (completed college, university, academy)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>

7. Have an academic degree or two higher educations <sub>7</sub> <sub>7</sub>

**4. What is child`s parents main job? If someone of parents or both of them are not working now, please indicate what their last main job was. Please choose one answer in each column**

	A. Mother (including stepmother or foster mother)	B. Father (including stepfather or foster father)
1. I have never worked for money	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
2. Small business owner ( <i>small business owner with up to 25 employees</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
3. Clerical support worker ( <i>office workers, white-collar workers of different organizations: secretaries, typists, operators on data input, managers on work with clients, etc.</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
4. Service and sales worker ( <i>workers of transport services, restaurants, private security, sellers, etc.</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
5. The skilled worker employed in agriculture, fishing, forestry ( <i>farmers, foresters, fisherman, hunters, etc.</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
6. Craft and related trade worker ( <i>builders, metalworker, plumber, joiner, electrician, mechanic, etc.</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
7. Plant and machine operators and assemblers ( <i>the operators of production lines, the drivers of various automated vehicles, etc.</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>7</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>7</sub>
8. The worker of the General profile ( <i>utility workers in different industries and in agriculture, charwomen, guards, messengers, etc.</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
9. The director, the supervisor, the manager or the employee of the highest category ( <i>directors, supervisors or managers of organizations (more than 25 workers), departments, representatives of executive and legislative authority, military officers, etc.</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>9</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>9</sub>
10. The professionals ( <i>research workers, engineers, architects, doctors, teachers, writers, actors, specialists in the field of education, health, law, religion, etc.</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>10</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>10</sub>
11. The specialized technical staff in the field of various professions ( <i>nursery and midwifery personnel, etc.</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>11</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>11</sub>
98. Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>98</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>98</sub>

**5. Please indicate what does the child`s mother do in her main job? For example: teaches at high school, takes patients, sells goods, writes articles, manages a team etc.**

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**6. Please indicate what does the child`s father do in his main job?** For example: teaches at high school, takes patients, sells goods, writes articles, manages a team, etc

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**7. What is the approximate level of the average monthly income of your family? (approximate level of the income gained monthly by all the members of your family living together). Please darken one answer.**

- 1. Less than 20 thousand roubles <sub>1</sub>
- 2. From 20 to 29 thousand roubles <sub>2</sub>
- 3. From 30 to 49 thousand roubles <sub>3</sub>
- 4. From 50 to 79 thousand roubles <sub>4</sub>
- 5. More than 80 thousand roubles <sub>5</sub>

**8. Do you have any of these things at your home?** *(Please darken one answer in each row)*

		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
1.	Study desk for the child`s use	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
2.	A separate room for the child	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
3.	A quiet place for your child to study	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
4.	Computer your child can use for school work	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
5.	Educational software	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
6.	Access to the Internet	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
7.	Classical literature (e.g, L.N. Tolstoy, A.S. Pushkin, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
8.	Poetry	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
9.	Books to help with your child`s school work (encyclopedias, reference books, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
10.	Works of art (paintings, sculptures, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
11.	A dictionary	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
12.	A dishwasher	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
13.	A DVD-player	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
14.	A digital camera or a photo camera	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
15.	Home cinema	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
16.	Satellite television	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>

9. **How many** of these things do you have at your home? (Please darken one answer in each row.)

	None	One	Two	Three or more
1) Cell phones	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
2) Televisions	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
3) Computers	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
4) Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
5) Bathrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>

10. **How many books are there in your home? Not including e-books**  
(please darken only one answer)

1. 0-10 books <sub>1</sub>
2. 11-25 books <sub>2</sub>
3. 26-100 books <sub>3</sub>
4. 101-200 books <sub>4</sub>
5. 201-500 books <sub>5</sub>
6. More than 500 books <sub>6</sub>

11. **How often do you check your child`s homework on these subjects?** Please darken one answer in each row

	Every assignment	From time to time	Seldom	Never
1. Mathematic (algebra, geometry)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
2. Physics	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
3. Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
4. Russian language and/or literature	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
5. Biology	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
6. Foreign language	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
7. History	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
98. Other (indicate)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>

**12. How do you participate in child`s school life? Please darken one answer in each row**

		Yes	No
1	I am included into PTA of the class (or school)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
2	I visit everything (or the majority of) PTA meetings	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
3	I call teachers or representatives of administration of school to learn about marks or behavior of my child	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
4	I come to school under my own will to talk to teachers or administration to specify information about study and progress of the child (without a call from teachers or administration)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
5	I act as an initiator or an organizer of various extra-learning events (concerts, excursions, lectures, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
6	I teach some optional interest clubs or extra classes at school	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
7	I visit school extra-learning events to which parents are invited (concerts, performances, whole-school holidays, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
98	Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>

**13. What kind of the assistance in study do you offer your child? Please darken one answer in each row**

		Yes	No
1	Sometimes I help him with doing homework: if something is unclear, I explain, prompt decisions, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
2	I hire a tutor for the child in particular subjects	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
3	I give the child more literature to read on school subjects or I tell him additional data myself	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
4	I ask my friends who can help him with study for assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
5	I visit additional classes with him	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
6	Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>

**14. Have you (or other members of family) discussed with your child a choice of his/her future profession? Please darken one answer**

1. Yes, we often discuss the possible options <sub>1</sub>
2. We have discussed possible options several times <sub>2</sub>
3. We do not discuss a future profession, it is too early <sub>3</sub>
4. We do not discuss a future profession, it is none of my business <sub>4</sub>

**15. Are you going to help your child make a choice of specialization? Please darken one answer**

1. No, he/she should make his/her own choice <sub>1</sub>
2. No, here is nothing I can do to help <sub>2</sub>
3. Yes, if the child will ask for my advice, I will help him <sub>3</sub>
4. Yes, I will recommend my child to choose specialization suitable for him/her <sub>4</sub>
5. I will insist on choosing specialization that I consider right for him/her <sub>5</sub>

**16. What do you orient your child on in the course after 9th grade?**

*Please darken one answer:*

1. Continuation education in the 10th grade <sub>1</sub>
2. Continuation education at the institution for primary professional education (tertiary) <sub>2</sub>
3. Continuation education at the institution for secondary professional education (vocational) <sub>3</sub>
4. Continuation education at evening school and working during the day <sub>4</sub>
5. Working only <sub>5</sub>
6. Other \_\_\_\_\_ <sub>98</sub>

**17. What level of education, in your opinion, should your child ideally attain?**

*Please darken one answer*

1. Incomplete general education (9 grades) <sub>1</sub>
2. Primary professional education (e.g., technical training college) <sub>2</sub>
3. Complete general education (10-11 grades)) <sub>3</sub>
4. Secondary professional (vocational) education (e.g., technical school) <sub>4</sub>
5. Higher education <sub>5</sub>
6. Two higher educations or academic degree <sub>6</sub>

**18. What level of education, in your opinion, will your child be really able to attain?**

*Please darken one answer*

1. Incomplete general education (9 grades) <sub>1</sub>
2. Primary professional education (e.g., technical training college) <sub>2</sub>
3. Complete general education (10-11 grades) <sub>3</sub>
4. Secondary professional (vocational) education (e.g., technical school) <sub>4</sub>
5. Higher education <sub>5</sub>
6. Two higher educations or academic degree <sub>6</sub>

**19. What could be the main reasons, in your opinion, that your child would not get a higher education after school graduation? Please choose no more than 3 answers.**

1	Tuition fees or expenses on higher education are too high	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
2	All suitable educational institutions are located too far	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
3	He/she will not be able to enter and/or complete higher education because of low marks or lack of knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
4	There is no necessity to get higher education for his/her future work	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
5	There is necessity to find paid work and to earn money	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
6	There is necessity to stay at home and take care of brothers(sisters) or other members of family	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>
7	Sickness, the poor health	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>7</sub>
8	He/she will not be able to complete studying because of lack of motivation	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
98	Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>98</sub>

**20. Do you have any preferences concerning your child`s future job?** Please write an assumed profession and employment

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**21. What requirements, in your opinion, does your child`s future job have to fulfill?**  
Please rate the following requirements on the assumption of their importance (1 – very important; 6 – not important at all)

1.	give him an opportunity to communicate with other people, to be in the team	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
2.	be comfortable and calm	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
3.	engage him/her emotionally, be interesting	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
4.	inspire respect from other people	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
5.	give him/her an opportunity to manage his/her working time	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
6.	provide high income	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>

**22. In each row choose the statement with which you agree more (or what in a greater degree correspond to your position).** Please darken square next to the statement that you have chosen.

A	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	I will do everything possible to help my child attain highest possible level of education		I try to make my child to learn to earn money and to become financially independent	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
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B	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	Financial independence is the first thing that my child should achieve	↔	I will orient my child toward attaining highest possible level of education	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>
C	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	The most important thing is that the child attains high education, the rest will follow	↔	My child should begin to provide for himself as soon as possible	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>

**THANK YOU!**